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The assyriological library of the late Canon C. H. W. Johns, Litt.D., D.D., has been presented by his express desire to Queen's College, Cambridge, where it is available for use by students visiting Cambridge. The library comprises a mass of MSS, notes, etc., in addition to the large number of books, some of which are now out of print, and therefore unattainable for foreign students who have not yet formed their assyriological libraries.

The fraternity of biblical and Semitic scholars has lost an ardent, industrious, prolific, and genial comrade in the death of Dr. John P. Peters in New York City on November 10, 1921, in his sixty-ninth year. After taking his A.B. and Ph.D. at Yale in 1873 and 1876 respectively, he enjoyed, what was then a rare privilege, four years' residence as research student in the universities of Berlin and Leipzig (1879-83). During his professorship in Old Testament Language and Literature in the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School of Philadelphia (1884-91), and his professorship of Hebrew in the University of Pennsylvania (1885-93), Dr. Peters in 1888-95 was conductor and director of an expedition of the University of Pennsylvania to Babylonia, which carried on extensive excavations at Nippur. This campaign was successful in bringing to light and to the museum of the university many thousands of invaluable documents from nearly all periods of Sumerian, Babylonian, and Assyrian history. The explorer's experiences, methods, and life in the trenches are entertainingly told in the Director's two volumes, *Nippur, or Explorations and Adventures on the Euphrates* (1897).

In the field of the Old Testament, Dr. Peters has produced several volumes that have immediately commended themselves to the attention of Bible students everywhere. His training, indefatigable industry, and productivity gave him an important place in the field of progressive conservative scholarship, as seen in his choice as Lecturer on the Bross Foundation at Lake Forest College during the last school year. His theme was "The Bible and the Spade." The range of his scholarship is evidenced by his selection as permanent lecturer on the New Testament at the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. From first to last Dr. Peters' life among the men of his day was full of activities for the best things in the realms of thought and research that contribute to the development and dissemination of biblical knowledge.